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Sent: 10/22/2020 10:04:02 PM
To: Brown, Leah [Brown.Leah@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Lower Umatilla nitrate matter
Attachments: umatilla options paper_with MJM commetns.docx

Leah,

Please see the attached document containing Mat M.'s initial comments on the Options Paper.

Thanks,
Clarke

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Subject: RE: Lower Umatilla nitrate matter

Peter – Thank you for pulling this together. I only have a couple comments that I embedded in the recommended option section. In particular, I'm not clear on LSASD's potential role. I'm happy to explore it, but given the vague concept, I recommend leaving it out of a "plan" or recommendation until we decide on the deliverable and/role from LSASD.

Mat

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Here is a draft Options paper for Umatilla (I'm not able to post it on one-drive at the moment). Please review and either provide redline edits of minor revisions or let me know if we should discuss more substantial changes.

Carol: If you could provide initial feedback from HQ perspective, that would be helpful.

Once I hear from you all, we can broaden the review and schedule briefings.

Thanks,

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From: Contreras, Peter

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 3:37 PM

To: King, Carol <King.Carol@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Lower Umatilla nitrate matter

Hi Carol, The PWS national meeting and other work sidelined my efforts to complete an options paper. I have a start and hope to refine it shortly. If there's specific considerations you think should be addressed I'm happy to touch base, but I know you're busy as well. Otherwise, I'm hoping to share a draft this week.

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To: Contreras, Peter <Contreras.Peter@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Lower Umatilla nitrate matter

Hi Peter,

I hope you're well! I wanted to touch base about LUB. Should I schedule a call so we can touch base on an options paper? I want to help as much as appropriate. And apologies if I missed a message from you on this since our last call on 9/11. September is always a blur, especially this one!

Thanks,
Carol

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Contreras, Peter <Contreras.Peter@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2020 10:50 AM

To: Contreras, Peter; King, Carol; Kenknight, Jeff; Thurmon, Clarke; Martinson, Mathew; Parikh, Pooja; Brown, Leah; Baron, Adam

Cc: Wilson, Dane; Rausch, Heidi; Zimny, James; Thompkins, Anita; Davis, CatherineM; Wehling, Carrie

Subject: Lower Umatilla nitrate matter

When: Friday, September 11, 2020 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Check-in w/OECA & OGC: (Mat please forward to OW if appropriate)

- Initial thoughts on Oregon response
 - o Feedback/all
 - o Options
 - o Next Steps
- Status of FOIA request from Food & Water Watch

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Hi all,

I hope everyone is doing well. Did the state end up responding by the new August deadline? When you're ready to schedule the next internal call, please include us in WED. I expect our leadership will ask again soon about the Lower Umatilla matter, including what options are being developed. So we want to touch base when you're available.

Thanks,
Carol

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Oregon did request an extension. We agreed to a new deadline of August 24, 2020 to respond to the EPA letter.

We should get something on the calendar after the response comes into the Region.

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Carol: Oregon was going to request an extension and Jeff and Mat were going to schedule a call. That's the last I heard.

Jeff will have any updated info.

(Related: An interim response letter to the FOIA from Food & Water Watch providing the letter EPA sent to state agencies and asking for clarification of their FOIA request scope was to be sent out this week as well, if it hasn't gone out already).

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Hello,

Hope you're all doing well. Has Oregon provided any responses yet to the letter Region 10 sent in July?

Thanks,
Carol

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